

would cover these expenses. Mr. Murty has spent the last 8 years exhausting all possible avenues of redress. His last recourse is the bill of private relief which I have introduced today.

The Comptroller General of the United States has reviewed Mr. Murty's claim and agrees that his case deserves to be favorably considered by Congress. I urge the committee of jurisdiction to take up this legislation expeditiously so that this issue will be fairly and judiciously settled once and for all.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. DAN MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 1995*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, during Rollcall Vote 265, the Roukema amendment, I was unfortunately unable to be present.

I would have voted "yes" on the amendment.

#### TRIBUTE TO MR. AND MRS. HEINDL

#### HON. WILLIAM F. CLINGER, JR.

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 1995*

Mr. CLINGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. and Mrs. Heindl for the many acts of kindness they have bestowed on our community. It is an honor and a privilege to express my gratitude to this generous couple. Truly, the Heindls epitomize the type of people that make our local communities great. These are the real life heroes that kindle the spirit of giving in each one of us.

When we look at role models in history, the ones who get recognized the most are sometimes the least worthy. I hope that volunteers like the Heindls continue to be recognized as they are most deserving. One of the traits that make people like the Heindls so special is that they do it out of the goodness of their heart. The only motives behind their actions is the hope that those around them will in some way be bettered by their hard work. I can speak for everyone when I say that we have all been touched by their philanthropy.

One of the most important facets in our society is the education system; it lays the foundation for future leaders. Contributions, like those of the Heindls, prove to enhance the system and benefit community members for years to come. The Ridgway residents I am speaking of today have made significant contributions to the Ridgway Area Public Schools. They have selflessly donated their time and resources to ensure that new facilities would be constructed for use by all students. By giving of themselves so freely, they set an example for all of us to follow.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to recognize Mr. and Mrs. Heindl for all of their kindness and dedicated service on behalf of the Ridgway community. I extend to them my best wishes for continued health and happiness.

WISHING "BO" WILBURN AND SUSIE BOWES WELL ON THEIR WEDDING DAY

#### HON. JACK FIELDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 1995*

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me to take a moment to wish two very special people well as they prepare to join in holy matrimony this Saturday in Texas.

Mark "Bo" Bryan Wilburn of Dayton, TX, will marry Kathleen Sue Bowes of Houston at the Heaven on Earth plantation in Missouri City, TX, this Saturday. "Bo" is a peace officer in the Houston area, while Susie is a fifth grade teacher at Timber Elementary School in Humble. Following their wedding, the couple plans to live in the Humble area.

"Bo" is the son of Tom and Janet Wilburn of Dayton, TX, and Susie is the daughter of William and Barbara Bowes of Houston. Since I first took office in January 1981, Barbara has served as my district coordinator, while Bill has for many years served as chairman of my Service Academy Nominations Board.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me this opportunity to observe this upcoming union, and thank you for joining with me in wishing "Bo" and Susie much happiness on their wedding day and throughout their lives together.

#### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JIM GRANT

#### HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 1995*

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, this week I was privileged to participate in a very special event to mark the life of Jim Grant, one of the most extraordinary public servants the world has ever seen, who died earlier this year at the age of 77.

Memorial services are often held at which the passing of a noted public figure is lamented. But, for those who gathered in the Russell caucus room to remember Jim Grant, it was in celebration of a life that was devoted with energy, enthusiasm, endless persistence and, yes, joy, to saving and improving the lives of children in the world's poorest countries.

Those who offered remembrances of Jim Grant included Congressmen DAVID OBEY and TONY HALL; Warren Unna, John Sewell, president of the Overseas Development Council; Dr. Richard Jolly of UNICEF; Mrs. Margaret Catley-Carlson of the Population Council, and two of Jim's sons, John and James D. Musical interludes were provided by the World Children's Choir.

One of Jim's greatest gifts was his ability to imbue others with that same sense of demanding dedication that motivated his own life, and that was how the speakers recalled him.

Jim Grant was one of the most remarkable men it has ever been my privilege and my pleasure to know and to work with.

Never elected to public office, he nonetheless was one of the most effective politicians and diplomats I can recall, particularly when it came to working the Halls of Congress.

His special constituents were the children in the world's poorest countries. He worked tirelessly to improve their conditions.

Jim used his role as executive director of UNICEF as a bully pulpit to prod, pull, and pummel the international community into facing the awful realities of malnourishment and disease that annually claims the lives of millions of children.

Jim Grant placed special emphasis on adapting new findings in the drug and health industries—immunization, breastfeeding, oral rehydration therapy—to low-cost applications that parents could use at home to care for their children.

He was relentless in pursuit of resources to support programs to save and improve the lives of children. Jim's motto was, the difficult gets done immediately, the impossible takes a little longer.

Jim was a leader who went out to see for himself. No project was too remote to escape his interest. Traveling with Jim in Africa meant bouncing around in Land Rovers and Jeeps to check on village health programs in the remote bush.

His flair for promotion and publicity enabled him to attract as celebrity spokesmen for UNICEF leading figures of the entertainment world such as Danny Kaye, Peter Ustinov, Harry Belafonte and Audrey Hepburn, to name just a few.

Shakespeare's Marc Antony lamented in his funeral oration for Julius Caesar that the "good that men do is oft interred with their bones." In Jim Grant's case the good he has done lives on.

During his tenure as the executive director of UNICEF, immunization levels in developing countries increased from 20 percent in 1980 to nearly 80 percent today the number of polio victims fell from 500,000 a year to fewer than 100,000. More than a million lives are saved each year thanks to the oral rehydration therapy works makes Jim strongly advocated.

Jim Grant was an American hero and a world treasure. His presence is greatly missed, but his spirit and his good works continue as a legacy of his persistence, his energy and his humanity. We shall all miss him.

#### TRIBUTE TO JOHN BYRNE

#### HON. BARBARA F. VUCANOVICH

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 1995*

Mrs. VUCANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I want to salute John Byrne upon his retirement from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, the I.B.E.W.

Mr. Byrne graduated from Storey County High School in May 1943, and completed his electrical apprenticeship in Medford, OR, in 1947. He returned to Reno in 1950 as general foreman for Landa Electric and became a member of the I.B.E.W. Local Union No. 401, in Reno, in 1951.

From 1957 to 1966 he served as financial secretary/business manager of the I.B.E.W. Local Union No. 401, until his appointment as secretary/business representative of Northern Nevada Building Trades Council. He was re-elected secretary/business representative in 1967 and 1969.